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RESUMPTION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS

Resumption is necessary, declares the St. Louis Convention, to establish a sound currency, restore public credit, and maintain national honor; and it goes on to demand a just and wise finance, by official re-enactments, and by wise finance, which shall enable the nation to assure the whole world of its perfect ability and its perfect readiness to meet any of its promises at the call of its creditors entitled to payment. The object demanded by the convention is the restoration of specie payments, which is not only right, but would prove profitable. Of the public debt, \$95,000,000 bear interest at 6 per cent. in gold and \$50,000,000 at 5 per cent. in gold. The average interest is 5.5 per cent. A financial policy which should secure the highest credit, and which would result in a reduction of interest on the part of the nation, would be a reduction of 1 per cent. in the past. The resumption of specie payment by the Government of the United States on its legal-tender notes would estab-

lish specie payment by all the banks on all their notes. The official statement made on the 12th of May shows that the amount of bank notes was \$300,000,000, less \$20,250,000 legal-tender notes, or \$280,000,000 legal-tender notes, a little more than 50 per cent. of their amount, but they also held on deposit in the Federal treasury as a security for these notes the bonds of the United States worth in gold about \$300,000,000, available and current in all the foreign money markets. In order to have these notes presented for payment, all their notes to be presented for payment, would have \$500,000,000 of specie funds to pay \$280,000,000 of notes, without contracting their loans to their customers or calling on any private debtor for payment. Suspended banks undertaking to resume have usually been obliged to take up their notes themselves without distressing the public. The Government is, therefore, the sole defaulter. The amount of legal-tender notes of the United States now outstanding is less than three hundred and seventy millions of dollars, besides thirty-four millions of dollars of fractional currency. How shall the present depression in all business and agriculture be remedied? By giving up the labor of its employment, and carrying war into so many homes, has its principal cause in the excessive government consumption. Under the illusions of a specious prosperity engendered by false policies of the Federal government, a waste of capital has been going on ever since the spring of 1865, which continues to the present day. The Federal tax of the last eleven years reaches the gigantic sum of \$1,500,000,000. Local taxation has amounted to two-thirds as much more. The vast aggregate is not less than \$7,500,000,000. This enormous taxation followed a civil conflict that had greatly impaired our aggregate wealth, and had imposed a burden upon us which was almost impossible to bear. It was aggravated by most unscientific and ill-advised methods of taxation, that increased the sacrifices of the people far beyond the receipts of the Treasury. It was aggravated, moreover, by a financial policy which tended to diminish the energy, skill, and ingenuity of our people, and to encourage a spirit of private competition and jealous mismanagement in business, and the unremunerative use of capital and labor. Even in prosperous times the daily wants of industrious communities press closely on their daily earnings. The margin, if possible, of national savings, is at best a small percentage of the total earnings. For these reasons, the governments of consumption has been a larger portion of the national earnings than the whole people can possibly save, even in prosperous times, for all new investments. The consequences of these errors are now a present public calamity, but they were never doubtless inevitable. They were foreseen and depicted when the warts of that fictitious prosperity ran highest. In a speech made by me on the 24th of September, 1868, it was said of these taxes:

"They bear heavily upon every man's income, upon every country and every business in the land. They are not only oppressive, but still more heavily, unless we arrest the system that gives rise to them. It is comparatively easy, for a nation to sustain a heavy load of legal-tender money, to pay out of the growth of our savings and exports, and to accumulate a large sum of gold and silver in the vaults of the bank. The coin in the treasury of the 30th of June, including what is held against the coin certificates, amounted to nearly seven-four million dollars. The current of precious metals which has flowed out of our country for the eleven years from July 1, 1865, to June 30, 1876, averaging nearly \$76,000,000 a year was \$882,000,000, and the coin in the vaults of the bank and the availability of a part of that sum is to be questionable. The revenues are falling faster than the appropriations, and the expenses are reduced, leaving the treasury with diminished resources. The service of the bank note is the chief expense to issue bonds. The legislative committee held as investment is merely a question of the rate of interest they can get. To make the coin now fall into the hands of the Government, the coin certificates, and the coin in the vaults of the bank, will be a fresh calamity. It authorizes the secretary to prepare and provide for such redemption of specie payments, by the use of any surplus revenue remaining after the appropriation of the amount necessary to support the coin certificates, and the coin in the legal tender notes of the United States on presentation at the office of the assistant treasurer in the city of New York. 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## Democratic Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT:

**NATHAN J. TILDEN,**

OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT:

**THOMAS A. HENDRICKS,**

OF INDIANA.

### The Prohibition Ticket.

This new party has at last succeeded in getting some one to "act as its candidate" for Vice President on the ticket with Rev. Green Clay Smith, and they now have an electoral ticket in the field. We are just as much opposed to running the temperance question into politics as we are opposed to mixing Church and State. If this country can not be redeemed from the giant evil of intemperance in any other way than by having presidential candidates, we fear that the giant will hold the mastery for all time to come. We never have believed, nor can we ever think, that this is the proper way to fight the liquor traffic. Instead of benefitting the cause of temperance it will yet prove to be its destruction. As well hope to elect a ticket brought out by the Masons, Odd Fellows, or any other secret, oath-bound society, as to hope to succeed with Prohibition ticket. No secret society can flourish, or has ever flourished politically in this country or any other. The history of the world furnishes no instance where a secret society has been enabled to take the reins of government and run it. We would not be understood as saying anything against the cause of temperance. Far from it. We fondly cherish the hope that the day is not far distant when we can look upon the work of the Good Templars as almost finished by the abolition of an indiscriminate whisky traffic. The good work they have done and are still doing is worthy of all praise, and should be encouraged by the press, the pulpit, and by every man and woman in the land. But the futile effort of a few fanatics to run it into politics is a greater blow against its ultimate success than anything we may say in opposition to the Prohibition ticket. This era of political reform. Two great parties are in the field. The Democratic party promises to give the country relief from the oppression of taxation and to thoroughly purge all public political offices of rascals and thieves who have grown rich upon public plunder. A vote given to the Prohibition candidate is a vote lost, for it will avail nothing, nor can it accomplish any good. How was it in Ohio, and other States where such tickets were nominated? It was a moral-political farce. Let Democrats think of this matter, and before you cast your vote where it will do no good, remember that the interests of your country are at stake. Let us stand or fall by the principles as taught by the Democratic party. There is no half-way ground. There is no party which promises more good to the country which has the shadow of a showing for success. We jeopardise our welfare when we fly off after a candidate who has no more chance to win the battle than we have to become the Czar of Russia. We write in all candor, and hope that every Democratic member of the Order will vote for Tilden, Hendricks and Reform.

ARE we to have an Indian war in the Far West for an indefinite period of time? It seems so, indeed, from the way in which we have been and still are, fighting the Sioux tribe. It is a disgrace to our country in the eyes of the civilized world to be hanging on with this conflict against a lot of savages, here in our own borders. While we are fighting one-half of these red-skins, we are feeding the other half of the same tribe. Such a thing is a mockery, and as long as we continue such a policy so long will we be compelled to do it. Why not have done with it at once and forever, by putting a stop to feeding, clothing, arming and otherwise supporting the hostile savage tribe? This country is ours, and right ought to be. God Almighty never intended that wild beasts and untamable savages should own and possess so fair an inheritance, and as we can not civilize the red man let us exterminate him. We are sick and tired of these miserable Indian wars, and there should be an end made of them forthwith, even though it requires a hundred thousand well armed soldiers to accomplish their extermination.

A. M. SWOPE, the Radical elector in one of the Kentucky districts, claims to be an "erratic speaker." The Frankfort Yeoman says he proved to be entitled to the appellation from a speech he made there last Saturday, and that he was guilty of a "great deal of vain and tiresome repetition during the last hour of his two-hours' speech." Swope is loquacious, to say the least of him.

The fighting force of the hostile Sioux Indians is 27,000. There are 10,000 well armed warriors now on the war path, and they may yet make things as hot as Orth was when he said he was as "hot as a lime kiln."

**THE LETTERS.**—We give up the greater part of our space on the outside of this issue, to the letters of acceptance of Tilden and Hendricks, believing as we do, that most of our readers will be glad to peruse them in full. Comment upon them would be unnecessary, as the intelligent reader will form his own opinion of each one. To say that the letter of Mr. Tilden is one of the ablest of the kind ever presented to the American people, would be stating that, which every candid mind must admit. Although not so long, or so minute in details, the letter of Mr. Hendricks stands out boldly as the expression of public affairs of an honest and able statesman. We trust that all our readers will peruse them carefully. It would amply reward them.

**THE PROHIBITION TICKET.**—This new party has at last succeeded in getting some one to "act as its candidate" for Vice President on the ticket with Rev. Green Clay Smith, and they now have an electoral ticket in the field. We are just as much opposed to running the temperance question into politics as we are opposed to mixing Church and State. If this country can not be redeemed from the giant evil of intemperance in any other way than by having presidential candidates, we fear that the giant will hold the mastery for all time to come. We never have believed, nor can we ever think, that this is the proper way to fight the liquor traffic. Instead of benefitting the cause of temperance it will yet prove to be its destruction.

**A CORRESPONDENT** of the Cincinnati Enquirer, writing from West Virginia, says that Hayes, the Radical candidate for President, while a General in the Federal army, had a soldier shot for desertion, and that he (Hayes) appropriated \$400 of the soldier's money, either to his own use, or that of some one else. This fact may help to account for Hayes' greed for, and love of money. The man who tells this on Hayes was a Chaplain in the army, and signs his full name—W. W. Harper. Let Ruthford rise and explain.

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**THE COMMENTS** of the Democratic press all over the country, on the letters of Tilden and Hendricks, are entirely favorable, and the better and fairer portion of the Republican press speak well of them.

One Wm. J. Heady, who has been a candidate for Congress at every election since 1848, ran against Watterson last Monday, and out of 9000 votes polled he got 565. Try it again, Bill.

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ALABAMA went Democratic last Monday by 25,000, a large gain over the last election.

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A REVIVAL of religion in Waco, Texas, recently, ended with over 300 additions to the Baptist and over 200 to the Methodist church.

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HON. L. Q. C. LAMAR, the eloquent member of Congress from Mississippi, was stricken down by heat while on the floor of the House last Monday, but he soon rallied, and is again at his post.

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R. L. SALTER, Democratic candidate for sheriff, in Boyle county, beat Irwin, his Independent opponent, nearly 200. And thus it should end with all such Independents.

MIKE BOLAND, present Attorney of the City Court of Louisville, was re-elected last Monday by small majority over Henry Clay, a grandson of the immortal Clay of Kentucky.

**LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS.**—**HUNTSVILLE.**

TIMELY and copious rains have put the corn crop beyond controversy. With very little stock for feeding in the county, and no distilleries, the surplus of grain will be heavy. Farmers are loth to sell wheat at the ruling rates. Rice is so low as to command nothing but wry faces on the part of holders; and corn will prove unremunerative unless the Grangers can succeed in making a corner on the article. Hence the very abundance of the cereals has a tendency to make the producers serious. However, some old foggies persist in declaring that even this is better than a famine.

**PROF. J. LAWRENCE SMITH**, the scientist, of Louisville, is a candidate for Congress for the regular term at the election in November, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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Rubber and Steel Vest and Fan Chains at Anderson & McRoberts.

JOHN H. CRAIG has just received 500 pr. Jeans Pants, cheap for cash.

MACHINES Belts and Rubbers for Sewing Machines, at Anderson & McRoberts.

A LARGE SUPPLY of needles for all Machines, 4 for 25 cts., at Anderson & McRoberts'.

CHEESE Springs and gum bands for sawing machines for sale at Anderson & McRoberts'.

"It's Delightful." That's what they say of the Soda Water at E. R. Chenuit's, only 5 cents a glass.

The only pure Soda Water ever made in town is at Anderson & McRoberts'—from new silver fountain.

SEWING Machine Attachments, for all Machines, kept. Needles, four for 25cts., at Anderson & McRoberts.

WATCHES and Jewelry of all kinds at 25 per cent less than Cincinnati or Louisville prices, at E. R. Chenuit's.

The most complete stock of Drugs ever brought to Stanford, at E. R. Chenuit's. Prices as low as the lowest.

Dont Pay Peddlers two prices when you can buy the best spectacle made, at E. R. Chenuit's at \$2.50 per pair.

PHARMACEUTICAL preparations and Physicians' prescriptions carefully and neatly prepared, at all hours, day or night, by Anderson & McRoberts.

ALL accounts and notes now due me and not settled within thirty days, will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection. Respectfully, S. B. MATHEY.

**THE BEATTY PIANO,** and Beatty's Golden Tongue Organ, manufactured by Daniel F. Beatty, Washington, N. J., are highly endorsed by all who have tested them, as to the style of case, durability, and sweetnes of tone. They are said to exceed any other instruments in perfect construction. See his advertisement in another column.

**SENSIBLE ADVICE.**—You are asked every day through the columns of newspapers and by your Druggist to use something for Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint that you know nothing more with but little success. Now to give you satisfactory proof that GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER will cure you of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint with all its effects, such as Sour Stomach, Sick Headache, Habitual Costiveness, palpitation of the Heart, Headburn, Water Bloat, &c., &c., we ask you to go to your Druggist, Dr. Bon & Stagg, and get a Sample Bottle of GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER for 10 cents, and try it, or a Regular Size for 75 cents, two doses will relieve you.

Mr. DANIEL F. BEATTY, manufacturer and proprietor of the Beatty Piano and Beatty's celebrated Golden Tongue Parlor Organs, Washington, N. J., is certainly a very reasonable and generous way to transact business with. He makes this very fair proposition to any who may favor him with an order for a piano.—"P. S. The piano does not prove satisfactory after a test trial of five days after receiving it, the purchase money will be refunded upon the return of the instrument, and he will pay freight charges both ways." This is certainly an exceeding, generous, and safe manner in which to transact business with him. He warrants his instruments for six years. See his advertisement.

## LOCAL NEWS.

MISS MARY LOUCAIN's private school will begin on the first Monday in September.

A FIRST class Hotel in Stanford, can be purchased or leased. Address this office.

MISS MARY BOYD and Miss Mollie McDonald, of Louisville, are visiting the Misses Carpenter.

DR. STEPHEN ROBINSON, the learned Presbyterian divine of Louisville, is with his family, spending the heated term at Crab Orchard Springs. He has preached there several times recently.

REV. J. A. BOOCHE, of Hustonville, preached two highly interesting sermons in the Presbyterian Church, here, last Sunday morning and night. We hope he will come again, and are very thirsty.

J. B. OWENS.

MASTER CHARLIE HARDIN of the Stanford Hotel, brought to our office a man-meat beet, the other day. It weighs over seven pounds. Of all the beets we ever saw, we have never seen a beet that could beat this beet.

We are informed by Jno. M. Phillips, Jr., Commissioner of Common Schools for this county, that the per capita to white pupils will this year be \$1.90—the same as last—but that the per capita to colored pupils will be fifty-five cents—twenty-five cents in excess of the amount last year.

HOTEL in Stanford for sale or lease, for five to ten years. One-half or all can be purchased, on time payments, one, two, three, four and five years. The hotel can be converted into two dwellings. None need apply but responsible persons. For further information, apply at this office.

ASSOCIATION.—The Old Baptist Association for Tate's Creek will convene on Tuesday, the 29th of this month, at Walnut Flat Church, in this county. Elder A. C. Newland, the Past Moderator, will open the Association, after which a regular Moderator will be chosen to preside during the meeting.

TILDEN AND HENDRICKS.—The up passenger train to the Fair at Richmond last Tuesday morning, from Lebanon was punctually decorated with flags and other things, and on the front of the mammoth engine were two full-sized portraits of Tilden and Hendricks, and around them, B-form and other suitable mottoes were displayed. The effect was quite pleasing and beautiful, and a ringing cheer was given as the train moved out of the depot at a "240" speed. Three cheers for the "getters-up" of the decoration!

We learn that there was an old-fashioned fight at Crab Orchard last Monday, in which pistols and knives were discarded and clubs and fists brought into requisition, with a considerable amount of hair pulling, etc. That is the best way after all; for those who fight in that way, "may live to fight another day."

PROTRACTED MEETING.—The meeting which commenced in the Christian Church here a week since, under Elder R. M. Gano, of Texas, closed last Wednesday night, with four additions—three by baptism and one by letter. Elder Gano went to Harrisburg on Thursday, where he will hold a protracted meeting.

It is a fixed fact that there is to be a Republican paper published in Somerset. The agent, Capt. W. A. Collier, passed through town last Monday, on his return from Cincinnati, where he purchased a new outfit for a seven column paper. It is to be called, we learn, the *Somerset Republican*, and Col. T. Z. Morrow will be the editor.

THE ELECTION.—The election in our town last Monday passed off quietly, and without the least disturbance of any kind. No excitement was created until the afternoon, up to which time less than fifty votes had been polled for Town Marshal—the only race in which there was any competition. Five candidates—Green, Hughes, Portman, Stagg, and Dudderer—offered for the position. At noon all of them withdrew, except Stagg and Portman, and the friends of the withdrawn candidates cast their strength for Portman. At 2 o'clock the darkies went to the polls in a body and voted almost solidly for Portman, and until the close of the polls the two candidates ran "neck and neck"—Joe Portman coming out ahead by a week, with only 13 majority. We hope Mr. Portman will make our town a good marshal. 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STANFORD, K.Y.

Friday Morning, August 11, 1872.

**HOW HE WON HER.**

SEVERAL young men sat chatting over their champagne, after a lively supper, with Harry Stanford at his mother's country seat in the vicinity of Baltimore. As the hour grew late, and several of the guests reluctantly spoke of departure, the young host called on them to drink one more glass to the "loves of their hearts" at Baiting.

"And especially," said Frank Overton, the gayest of the party, "especially to your mother's charming guests, Annie and Alice Mayfield," and he bowed to Harry.

"Why do you omit their cousin Minnie?" asked Harry. "She is worth both the beauties put together; for any man who loves a plain setting will find her a jewel."

"Is she?" returned Frank, carelessly. "Well, I have thought so once or twice myself. But it's a pity—for she's confoundedly plain, and will never get a husband unless by chance."

"The more fools they who overlook her," returned Harry.

"Why in the mischief don't you appropriate her then for yourself?" asked two or three voices.

"Oh, I'm in love with a beauty myself, and could not think of such a thing. But that only proves I'm a fool, like the rest of you."

"I declare, Harry, you almost persuade me to take her," cried Frank. "At all events, I'd be willing to run the risk of having happiness thrust upon me. Besides, it's a shame that such a fine girl should not have one chance for a husband. What say you, boys, to this? Suppose we agree that the fellow who is hit by the cork that Harry's going to let fly shall still propose to her, and try to be made happy in spite of himself?"

"Agreed!" cried some voices.

Others, however, demurred. At last, after considerable debate, the resolution was carried, with the proviso that a previous attachment should be an exemption from the decree.

Harry cut the wire, and the cork, after vaulting to the ceiling, descended plump on the head of the originator of the proposal.

"Taken in, by thunder!" cried the luckless hero, inelegantly, when he felt the fatal tap on the crown; while the roar of laughter from his unsympathizing companions attended their enjoyment of the humor and justice of the fact—as well, perhaps, their sense of personal relief at their own escape.

"Well, I'm in for it," he cried, after a great gasp. "I'll stand by my bargain; I'll offer myself as per agreement, and trust to my lucky stars for a refusal."

A derisive jeer, and the general exclamation, "No hope of that!" damped his rising spirit at the view of this mode of escape.

"Why not?" he asked, rather faintly.

"She—plain and poor; you—handsome and rich," returned one of the party, ironically.

Frank sighed; he felt the force of circumstances.

And now, reader, it is time to let you into a secret; the whole of the strange conversation I have described was overheard by the one person most interested in it, namely, Minnie Mayfield, herself; for, with the other young ladies, Annie and Alice, she had gone into the conservatory adjoining the dining room and there, in consequence of the raised voices of the young men, had heard her name mentioned. The result added one more confirmation of the old proverb, that "listeners never hear any good of themselves."

It is needless to add that Minnie's feelings of mortification and annoyance on this occasion were very painful. The reader can well imagine that as the conversation proceeded, she blushed, hid her face, and would gladly have escaped, had not her companions prevented her from doing so. As they roughly held her, fearing any movement might betray them, she finally sat down, pale and quiet, while tears of real agony rolled down her cheeks.

But what of all this? what of another and keener pang, mingled with the mortification she felt at hearing her own name so disrespectfully mentioned? What, if, like a silly, susceptible girl as she was, she had been foolish enough to look on Frank Overton too often, and too kindly, till a warm and tender feeling for him sprang unconsciously up in her imprudent heart.

She needed no sympathy; she had no business to look or feel—plain women have no right to look about, and force themselves where they know they are not cared for. It was reprehensible in our heroine, and she will have to take the consequences, which are coming.

On the following day, Frank, who was one of those persons who like to remove the pressure of the disagreeable impending duty by instantly performing it, called on Minnie to get through the task his folly had imposed upon him; and he also imagined in a shrewd way, that it would enhance his chances to meet a refusal by going thus suddenly, and without any preliminary advance.

As for poor Minnie, she passed a sleepless night; she had been harassed by distressing thoughts. Surely hers was a trial of a peculiar kind; she felt that she loved Frank, and felt as plainly that he had never given her a thought; yet, by a strange chance, she saw him about to be put in her power, she had but to accept his offer, and honor would bind him to her. She could win his heart, and, if she found her efforts vain, she could release him and be no worse off than now. But her woman's pride and delicacy forbade her to accept a feigned suit, or force herself upon a man.

It was with some relief to her—that after such a disturbed night, during which every distressing thought visited her with exaggerated horrors—that by broad daylight she could scarcely regard the agreement of the night before as anything but a jest. Notwithstanding this conviction, she dressed herself with particular care, (all plain women are more regardful of such things than pretty ones,) and the silly child could not help thinking of possibilities.

Therefore, when Frank was announced, as he was shortly, she went down to the drawing room, perfectly sure of his errand, and perfectly sure of her answer.

Formerly, they were the messengers of man to remote parts, as the falcon, indeed, is still in some nations. Their beautiful plumage and form delight the eye, while their sweet notes are ever grateful to every ear. But their most valuable service is in destroying noxious insects upon which they largely feed. They do indeed at times prey upon the farmer's fruit and grain, but they have before eating these, earned a hundred times their value in consuming both insects and seeds. Some, as the vulture, and raven, and buzzard, and others of that class, perform a most valuable service too, as the scavengers of the world; and by consuming the carcasses of dead animals, help much to preserve the purity of the atmosphere, and thus remove many intolerable nuisances from the world.

They sat in the parlor and he squeezed her hand. "Oh, would that this hand were mine," he sighed, "Why?" she simpered. "Because if it were mine, I could knock a bullock down better than with a sledge hammer." The last seen of that young man he was trying to climb to the roof of the house by means of the water-spout.

HUMAN nature is indeed a queer creature. A boy may sing "Hold the Fort" so sweetly on Sunday, that is, more profit in feeding it, than most farmers are aware of. Having repeatedly raised this crop for a series of years, and under various conditions, we are convinced that it will yield more good fodder on an acre—that is, more nutritive value—than any other crop unless it be Indian corn.

When fed to cows in milk, if blended with a moderate amount of other feed, it produces an unusual flow of milk, of unsurpassed quality. Cabbage requires no machine to cut it, and no process of cooking or steaming. They are easily grown, and preferred by many who have given them a fair trial, to any variety of roots. If more are raised than are required for feeding, the balance can nearly always be sold at a good profit, the larger and coarser leaves being reserved for stock at the time of pulling. Another advantage of this feed is the proportion of nitrogen contained in it, which gives superior value to the manure. When harvested they should be cut off three inches below the head, which can be done rapidly and easily by the use of large pruning shears.

Let the injunction be again and again repeated that: "Spare the birds! spare the birds!" for they are among the best friends of man in the animal world, and are special gifts from a kind Providence to our race.

The morning was already far spent ere he called up his resolution to say—

"Miss Minnie—I have called here to-day—on a most disagreeable—I mean—most agreeable—though extraordianary—errand."

A warm blush rose to Minnie's face; she trembled visibly. Frank went on with forced bravery—

"Miss Minnie, I am here to offer you my hand—"

Here he stopped abruptly, at a loss how to round his periods.

Poor Minnie's heart palpitated so that she could not speak. During the silence which followed, Frank recovered from his embarrassment enough to notice and wonder at hers. But Minnie soon composed herself.

"Mr. Overton," she said, in a low distinct voice, "I shall not ask what impelled you to make your strange offer; it is enough for me to be sure that you do not love me, and, poor and plain though I am, I cannot forego affection in a husband. I feel, too, that it was not kind in you to—"

She could not get further; the coming flood of tears threatened to wash away all her dignity, and she started hastily for the door.

Frank, well nigh melted to tears himself, at her impassioned sorrow, followed her, and caught her hand at the door to detain her. There was something in the hand he seized—which she left within his as she escaped from him—just managing to say with a convulsive smile—

"A keepsake."

Frank clenched his hand upon the trifles, without thinking to look at it till after he had taken two or three turns up and down the room, during which he heartily berated himself for his folly and unkindness, and as heartily pitied poor Minnie. When he unclosed his hand, he saw something carefully wrapped in a silver paper. He unfolded it, and found—a champagne cork.

It would be difficult, indeed, to describe Frank's feelings as he left the house and walked homeward. He was in a dilemma; had made his escape—with the refusal he hoped for; yet, he did not seem the light-hearted fellow one might have expected.

In fact, Minnie's intelligence, gentleness and refinement of manner, still more her dignified rejection of his suit, had made a deep impression on him. Perhaps, too, with man's ready intuition on such points, he divined the state of her feelings toward him. For men are vain creatures, and quick enough to see—or, if necessary, to imagine—what flatters them.

At all events, her "keepsake" proved that she was cognizant of the motives which induced him to make his unlucky offer; and her feelings under such singular circumstances offered a curious subject for his speculations—especially if his surmise as to her state of mind were correct.

He felt himself called upon—if only as a mere matter of curiosity—to investigate the latter point.

Philosophic investigations, however well intended, are dangerous under certain circumstances. This truth Frank discovered long before his course of study was complete. He fell so deeply in love as even to satisfy the requirements of a plain woman on that point. (Ky.) Yeoman.

**HUMOROUS.**

A WEARY man out in Knoxville, Iowa, who has kept house fourteen years, has just completed the invention of a coal bucket that will empty two handfuls of coal into a stove without shooting a bushel and a half all over the floor and under the bed in the next room.

READING from the Star a few evenings ago to a party of ladies, the paragraph: "They have discovered that Tilden was the father of the Credit Mobiler," one of them earnestly remarked, "Why, I thought he was a bachelor!" —[Washington (D. C.) Star.]

THIS is the season when the estimable young men lifts his hat to a lady and drops therefrom two cabbage leaves and a damp sponge. Whereupon he passes on, wrestling with his soul in silence, until he turns the first corner. Then he says: "Oh monstrous Hevings, what is death by sunstroke compared to this?"

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